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Report about the firing in Salem Jail.

* 313 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state why the report of the Enquiry Committee appointed by Government to enquire into the Salem Jail Firing has not been published so far?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The findings of the Committee were adverse to the prisoners inasmuch as they held that the story that the prisoners were indiscriminately fired on while they were sitting or sleeping in their blocks was not true, that the prisoners first made an unprovoked attack on the jail staff and that there was justification for opening fire but for which the jailor would have been done to death. As a criminal case was then pending against some of the prisoners involved in the incident and publication might give rise to the complaint that it seriously prejudiced the trial of the case, the report was not published then. Later, the publication of the report was not taken up because of lapse of time. Government have no objection to publish the report now if desired by any section of the House."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR:—" Can we expect the publication of the report before the next session of the Assembly and will the Government pay compensation to the families of the prisoners? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" The report will be published soon."

Salem Jail Shooting Enquiry Report.

* 314 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether Government have any proposal to publish the Salem Jail Shooting Enquiry Report?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Yes. Hon. Member is referred to answer given to Legislative Assembly question No. 313."

Distribution of anti-pest chemicals to ryots.

* 315 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—" As the hon. Member, Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar, is not in his seat, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Agricultural department collect the cost of chemicals sold as antidotes for agricultural pests to ryots whose crops have been affected by such pests; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to distribute anti-pest chemicals free to those whose crops are actually affected by the pests, or are about to be?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) Pesticides and insecticides are sold by the Agriculture Department at half price to the ryots for application to food crops. In all the other cases full cost is collected.

" (*b*) No."

Absorption of police personnel of Pudukkottai State in Madras State Service.

9-20 a.m. * 316 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the entire personnel of the Police department of the pre-merger Pudukkottai State have been absorbed into the corresponding department of Madras State; and

(*b*) if so, when and on what service conditions, and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) All the personnel were absorbed with effect from 1st January 1949. They are given the Madras scales of pay which are more advantageous than what they were getting while in the State service. They were ordered to be on probation for a period of one year in the respective categories in which they were absorbed."

Number of suits for evictions filed in South Kanara district.

* 317 *Q.*—SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state how many suits for evictions have been filed by landholders against their tenants in the District Munsifs' Courts of—

(1) Coondapoor;

(2) Udipi;

(3) Karkal;

(4) Mangalore;

(5) Puttur;

(6) Kasaragod; and

(7) Hosdrug

of South Kanara district in the years 1951 and 1952?